



The State Bar of California

Dear Applicant,

With less than two weeks to go until the February 2026 California Bar Exam, we've reached the fifth installment of the Bar Exam Countdown Email series.

Last week, we shared important details about registering your laptop and completing the mandatory mock exam by the February 20 deadline. If you missed it, you can find all previous emails on the [Bar Exam Emails webpage](#).

This week, we're focusing on test center information so you know what to expect on exam day.

TEST CENTER INFORMATION

Below are key details for each test center, including the address, parking information, and lunch options.

Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center

- Address: 2800 Olympic Parkway, Chula Vista, CA 91915
- Parking: This site has designated paid parking. If driving to the test center, leave adequate time to find parking; the parking lots are about an 8-minute walk from the exam entrance.
- Lunch: Fast-food options are less than a 10-minute drive away but are not within walking distance. Applicants are encouraged to bring their own lunch. Expect limited seating during lunch breaks, including indoors at the Visitor Center or outdoors at a nearby stadium with shade.
- Additional details: A site map is [available online](#).

DoubleTree San Diego, Mission Valley

- Address: 7450 Hazard Center Drive, San Diego, CA 92108
- Parking: This site has designated paid parking.
- Lunch: Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk.

Golden Gate University

- Address: 536 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

- **Parking:** Consider taking public transportation, as nearby public parking lots may fill quickly. If driving to the test center, leave adequate time to find and pay for parking.
- **Lunch:** Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk.
- **Additional details:** Applicants approved to bring additional items as part of a testing accommodation, such as a chair, printer, or lamp, must check in these items on Monday, February 23, and leave them in the exam room overnight. For more details, see the “Visiting Test Centers Before the Exam” section below.

Hilton Sacramento Arden West

- **Address:** 2200 Harvard Street, Sacramento, CA 95815
- **Parking:** This site has designated paid parking.
- **Lunch:** Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive but are not within walking distance. Applicants are encouraged to bring their own lunch.

Hotel Fera Anaheim, Orange

- **Address:** 100 The City Drive South, Orange, CA 92868
- **Parking:** This site has designated paid parking.
- **Lunch:** Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk.

Oakland Convention Center

- **Address:** 550 10th Street, Oakland, CA 94607
- **Parking:** This site has designated paid parking.
- **Lunch:** Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk.

Ontario Convention Center

- **Address:** 2000 East Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA 91764
- **Parking:** This site has designated paid parking.
- **Lunch:** Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk.
- **Additional details:** Those with testing accommodations will be on the second floor. All other test takers will be on the first floor. A site map is [available online](#).

San Mateo County Event Center

- **Address:** 1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo, CA 94403
- **Parking:** This site has designated paid parking.
- **Lunch:** Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive but are not within walking distance. Applicants are encouraged to bring their own lunch.

State Bar Los Angeles Office

- Address: 845 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017
- Parking: There are several public parking lots and garages in the vicinity. If driving to the test center, leave adequate time to find and pay for parking.
- Lunch: Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk.
- Additional details: Applicants are encouraged to arrive early to allow time to go through security and metal detectors. State Bar security on the ground floor will direct applicants to the testing space.

State Bar San Francisco Office

- Address: 180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105
- Parking: There are several public parking lots and garages in the vicinity. If driving to the test center, leave adequate time to find and pay for parking.
- Lunch: Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk.
- Additional details: Applicants are encouraged to arrive early to allow time to go through security and then be directed to the testing space.

Sunrise Banquet Hall and Event Center

- Address: 620 Orange Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687
- Parking: Parking is available on-site.
- Lunch: Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive but are not within walking distance. Applicants are encouraged to bring their own lunch.

USC Galen Center

- Address: 3400 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90089
- Parking: USC uses digital parking passes that should be purchased ahead of time. The parking pass is available for Monday, Tuesday, and/or Wednesday, February 23-25. Applicants can select the days they need, depending on their testing days and whether they would like to visit the test center on Monday. Parking for all applicants will be in the Figueroa Structure only; parking in alternative structures may result in citations.
 - To purchase a parking pass ahead of time:
 - Review the [parking map](#).
 - Use this unique parking pass link for the bar exam:
<https://www.offstreet.io/location/MCTR2DJ7>
 - Use this code when instructed: **BAR2425**

- If you have questions or difficulty, please contact the USC Parking & Transportation office from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. by phone at 213-740-3993 or by email at parkrsvp@usc.edu.
- Lunch: Applicants are strongly encouraged to bring their own lunch and remain in the lobby area during the break. Tables and seating are not available. However, staying in the lobby will allow you to avoid going through security a second time. Applicants who choose to leave the lobby during their lunch break will be required to complete security screening again, which may cause delays. Those who leave are strongly encouraged to take only essential personal items, as all items will need to be screened or checked by security upon reentry, and to return early to ensure they have enough time to go through security.
- Additional details: The security screening includes metal detectors. All items brought on-site will be inspected; applicants should allow extra time for entry and are encouraged to bring only minimal exam-related items, as all items will be checked by security. Luggage is not permitted in the building.

The Westin Los Angeles Airport

- Address: 5400 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90045
- Parking: This site has designated paid parking. Applicants must have their parking ticket validated to receive a discounted parking rate. Validation tickets will be distributed to applicants by staff before they exit the test center.
- Lunch: Fast-food options are within a 10-minute drive or walk.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Test centers are large venues or hotels that may host other events at the same time, and certain conditions may arise that are beyond the State Bar's control. On exam day, State Bar staff generally cannot move applicants, and there are limited options to address individual environmental concerns. We strongly encourage applicants to plan ahead:

- Dress in layers that can be removed to stay comfortable in cool and warm temperatures. Exam rooms often fluctuate in temperature throughout the day.
- Use foam earplugs to address noise, which may include sounds from others taking the exam, proctors performing their duties, and other events in the same facility.

Test centers have assigned seating, and applicants may not change their seats or move on their own. Each applicant's Admittance Ticket includes their applicant number, which corresponds to their seat number at the test center.

Test center change requests are no longer being accepted. Those with pending requests will receive an update that their request has been denied. Applicants must report to their

assigned test center as indicated on their Admittance Ticket. We will not accommodate applicants who arrive at a location other than the one listed on their Admittance Ticket.

VISITING TEST CENTERS BEFORE THE EXAM

All applicants are welcome to visit their test center on Monday, February 23, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to become familiar with the test center ahead of time. However, you may not be able to enter the exam rooms. Staff will be on-site to help answer logistical questions.

- **Applicants granted testing accommodations:** We strongly encourage you to visit the test center on Monday, February 23, to receive your room assignment; have any personal equipment inspected, if necessary; and confirm all accommodations granted have been provided, within any limitations that may be imposed as a result of test center logistics or availability. We ask that those with last names beginning A–M arrive between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m., and those with last names beginning N–Z arrive between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.
- **Applicants testing at Golden Gate University:** If you have an approved accommodation for additional items—such as a chair, printer, or lamp—you must bring those items to the test center on Monday, February 23, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m., and leave them in your assigned testing room overnight. This is required at this location to help ensure the exam starts on time. The State Bar is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

REMINDER: PRINT YOUR ADMITTANCE TICKET

Applicants must print and bring their Admittance Ticket to each exam session. The ticket is required to access the test center. The ticket includes the applicant's assigned test center; applicants will not be permitted to test at any location other than the one listed on their ticket. If a test center change request is approved after the ticket is issued, the applicant must print a new ticket with the updated information. If there is an error on the ticket (e.g., misspelled name or incorrect test center), applicants must notify the State Bar immediately through the [Applicant Portal](#) so a corrected ticket can be issued.

Find instructions for printing your Admittance Ticket at the State Bar's [Help Center webpage](#).

UPCOMING DATES AND DEADLINES

- **February 13 - Emergency testing accommodations requests:** This is the final deadline for those who are disabled after the final exam application filing deadline to submit an emergency testing accommodations request through the

[Applicant Portal](#). Emergency accommodations requests are not available for disabilities that existed before the final exam application filing deadline.

- **February 20 - Laptop registration and mandatory mock exam:** This is the final deadline to complete the mandatory mock exam and register your laptop to use on exam day. Failure to complete these steps by February 20 means you will handwrite your responses on exam day.

For more information, visit the [February 2026 California Bar Exam webpage](#).

NEXT WEEK'S EMAIL

In next week's email, we'll recap the most important details shared in the first five weekly emails.

Thank you,

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The email address noreply@calbar.ca.gov is used solely for sending communications and is not monitored. If you need assistance or wish to get in touch, please contact us using the [Applicant Portal](#).



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